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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF RONALD HAUBER, USNRC

1. RONALD HAUBER, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS, U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION, WILL BE ATTENDING JUNE 6-9 MEETING OF THE IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS IN VIENNA. FOLLOWING THIS MEETING, HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT YUGOSLAVIA AND GREECE TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE COOPERATION OF NRC WITH RESPECTIVE NUCLEAR SAFETY ORGANIZATIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES. NRC HAS SIGNED REGULATORY INFORMATION EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS WITH AGENCIES OF FOURTEEN COUNTRIES TO DATE INCLUDING MOST COUNTRIES EMPLOYING U.S.-TYPE LIGHT WATER REACTORS.
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2. FOR BELGRADE. HAUBER INTENDS TO MEET WITH YUGOSLAV MISSION OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVES IN VIENNA DURING THE WEEK OF JUNE 6. HE WILL OUTLINE FOR THEM THE TYPE OF COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES IN WHICH NRC IS CURRENTLY ENGAGED WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. IT WOULD ALSO BE DESIRABLE FOR HAUBER TO VISIT THE KRSKO REACTOR SITE OR OTHER LOCATION

WHERE SAFETY OFFICIALS ARE AVAILABLE. (POSSIBILITY OF HAUBER VISIT TO KRSKO HAS BEEN RAISED BY YUGOSLAV NATIONAL ON IAEA STAFF IN MESSAGE SENT BY HIM ON MAY 30 TO THE FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN

BELGRADE. NRC NOTES IT HAS HAD PAST CONTACT WITH PROFESSOR MILAN COPIC AT THE UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE AT LJUBLJANA.) EMBASSY'S COMMENTS AND ASSISTANCE ARE REQUESTED. IF VISIT CAN BE ARRANGED AND SEEMS USEFUL TO EMBASSY AND GOY, PLEASE MAKE APPOINTMENTS, HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT ON JUNE 12 OR 13 AND CONFIRM BY TELEGRAM WITH INFO COPIES TO AMEMBASSY VIENNA (FOR U.S. MISSION TO IAEA TO PASS TO HAUBER) AND TO AMEMBASSY ATHENS.

3. FOR ATHENS. HAUBER WOULD LIKE ALSO TO VISIT ATHENS FOR HALF DAY MEETING DURING THE WEEK OF JUNE 12. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT GAEC TO INDICATE HAUBER'S INTEREST IN DISCUSSING REGULATORY COOPERATION AND TO MAKE TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING ON JUNE 15, BUT TO RAISE POSSIBILITY OF EARLIER DATE BY EXPLAINING THE INDEFINITE NATURE OF HIS PRECEDING TRAVEL PLANS. AS IN PARA 2, ADVISE HAUBER THROUGH THE U.S. MISSION IN VIENNA OF WHATEVER ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE, INCLUDING HOTEL RESERVATIONS. NRC PAST CONTACTS WITH THE GAEC HAVE PRIMARILY INVOLVED DR. CHRYSOCHOIDES, HEAD OF THE NUCLEAR POWER SAFETY AND UNCLASSIFIED

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REGULATION GROUP OF THE NUCLEAR RESEARCH CENTER - DEMOCRITOS. HAUBER WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH CHRYSOCHOIDES AND OTHERS IN NUCLEAR SAFETY REGULATION ACTIVITIES IN GREECE. FYI - IN CONCURRING WITH THIS NRC VISIT, DEPARTMENT (OES/NET) HAS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT CURRENT DELICATE STATUS OF US/GOY NUCLEAR NEGOTIATION: WE BELIEVE IT WOULD CAUSE NO PROBLEM AND WOULD IN FACT BE A USEFUL STEP IN DEVELOPING WORKING RELATIONSHIP. END FYI. CHRISTOPHER

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